

Higurashi no Naku Koro ni Rei

Hoshiwatashi-hen

SUMMARY

KEITAROU DECIDED TO INVITE THE CHILDREN OF POLARIS TO THE WATANAGASHI FESTIVAL. WITH CONVENIENT TIMING, KURURU CALLED HIM FOR A MEETING, BUT IT TURNS OUT INORI WAS THERE AT THE MEETING PLACE TOO?!

TOMORROW IS THE WATANAGASHI FESTIVAL.

AUNT SHION AND THE OTHERS SAID THEY'RE COMING, SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

EVERYONE IS WAITING ON KEITAROU, WHO WAS CALLED AWAY BY KURURU, BUT...

KEITAROU WILL BE SUPRISED BY THE LARGER VARIETY OF FOOD STANDS COMPARED TO WHAT HE REMEMBERS, DON'T YOU THINK?

WATANAGASHI SHOULD BE MORE LIVELY THAN BEFORE, WHAT WITH THE INCREASE IN TOURISM OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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KEITAROU STILL HASN'T COME BACK YET.

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WHAT WORDS
WILL SPILL
FROM INORI'S
MOUTH ONCE
SHE'S MADE UP
HER MIND...?!

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HOLD ON A SEC!

H-

AH...

I'm sor-ry...
I'm sor-ry...



KEEP QUIET, STAY CALM...

STAY COOL!

CALM DOWN, KEI-TAROU MAE-BARA!



IF YOU DON'T SAY IT, KURURU MIGHT JUST HAVE TO SAY IT FOR YOU ★

W-WAIT!



M...

MA...

MAE-BARA... SAN...



INORI...

DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO MAEBARA-SENPAI?



KEITAROU
MAEBARA:
KEIICHI'S
ONLY
SON.
MOVED
FROM
TOKYO TO
HINA-
MIZAWA.









Nod



SO I'LL
BE LOOKING
FORWARD TO
TOMORROW!



IT
MADE ME
SUPER
HAPPY!

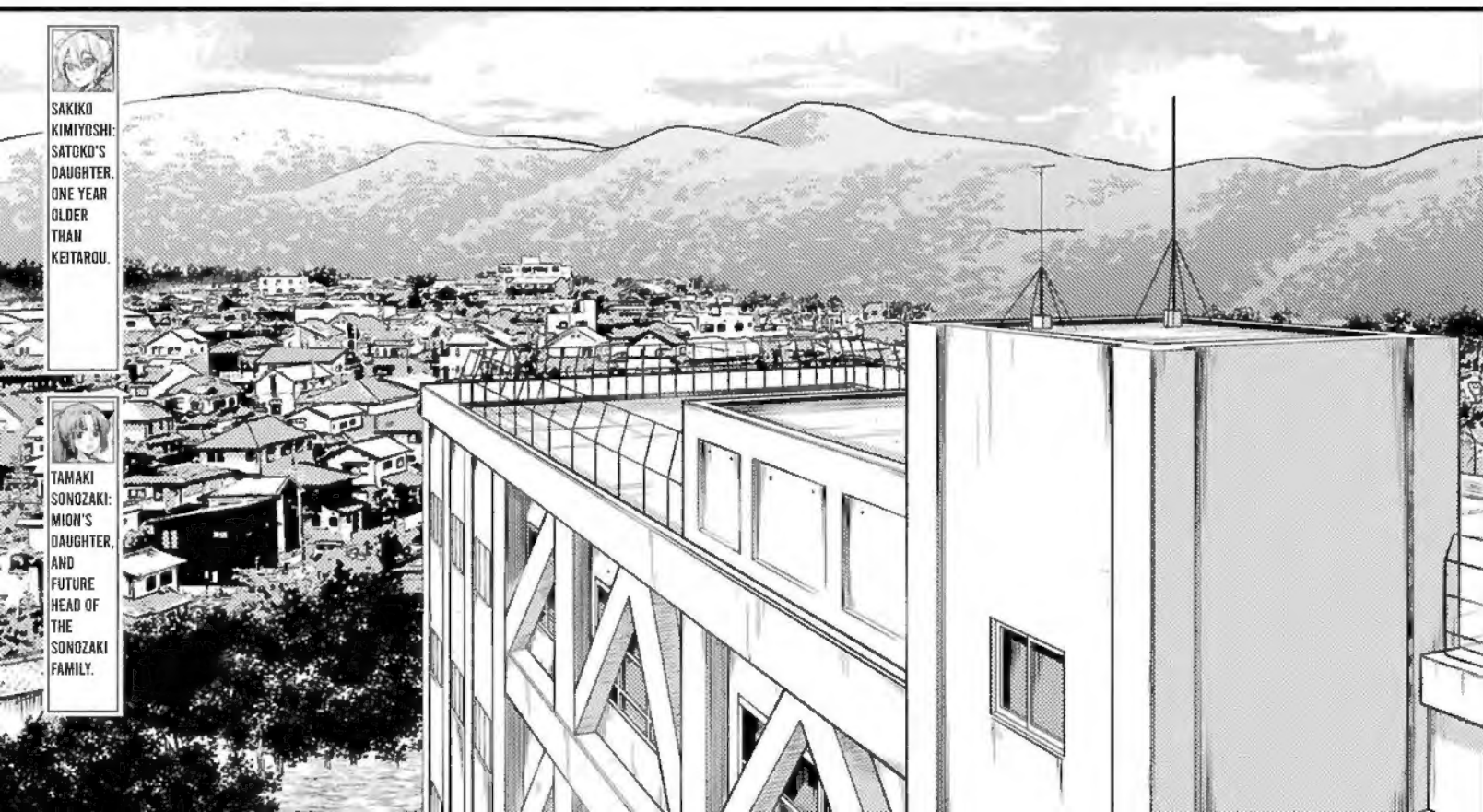
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YOU FOR
INVITING ME TO
YOUR PRECIOUS
FESTIVAL.

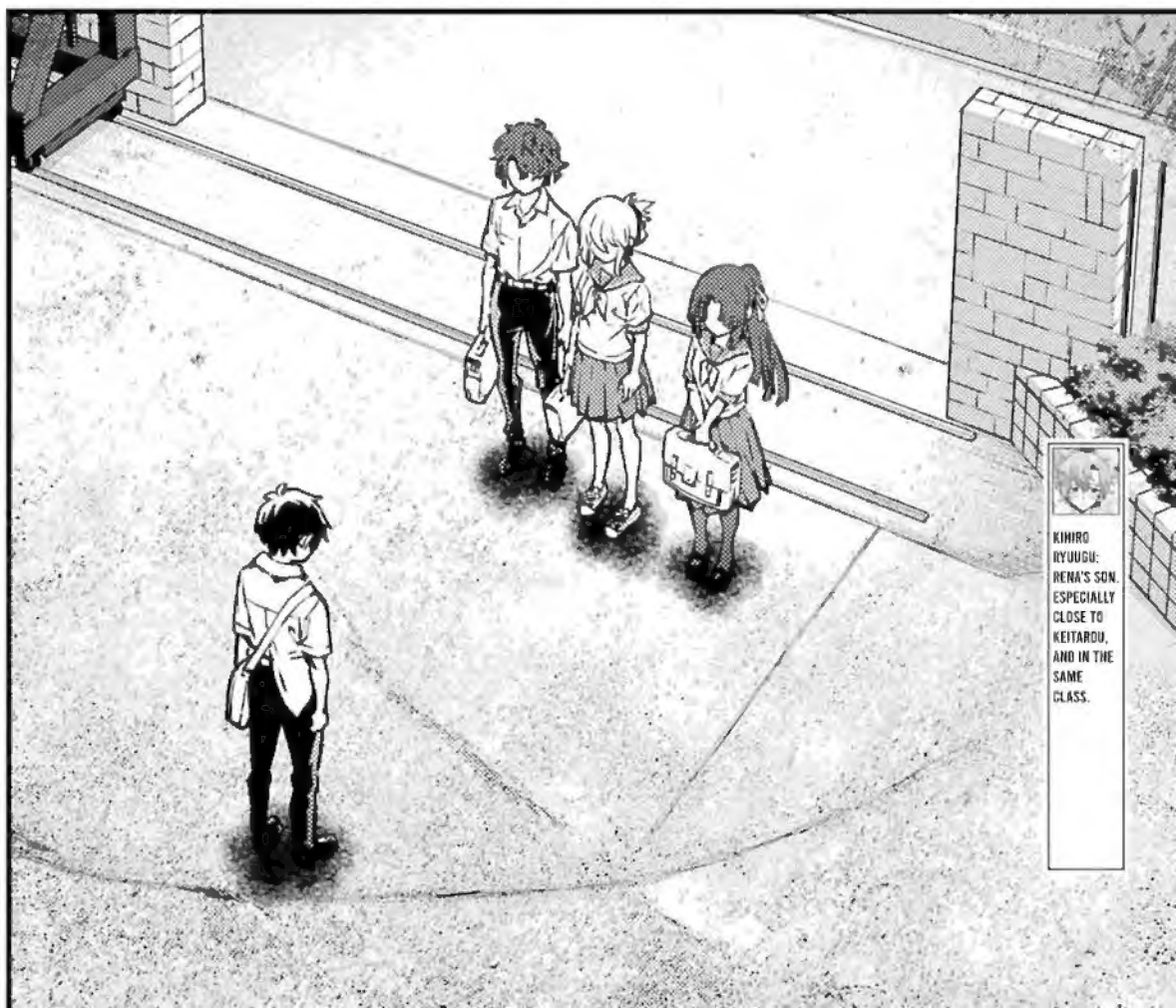


SAKIKO
KIMIYOSHI:
SATOKO'S
DAUGHTER.
ONE YEAR
OLDER
THAN
KEITAROU.



TAMAKI
SONOZAKI:
MION'S
DAUGHTER,
AND FUTURE
HEAD OF
THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY.






KIHIRO RYUGUI:
RENA'S SON,
ESPECIALLY
CLOSE TO
KEITAROU,
AND IN THE
SAME
CLASS.





...IDIOT.

I
WAS
SUCH
AN...



THE
POLARIS
KIDS REALLY
INVITED ME TO
THEIR PRECIOUS
FESTIVAL!

THIS
IS AN
INCREDIBLE
CHANCE TO
GET TO KNOW
THEM BETTER,
RIGHT? I DON'T
WANT TO MISS
OUT ON
THAT

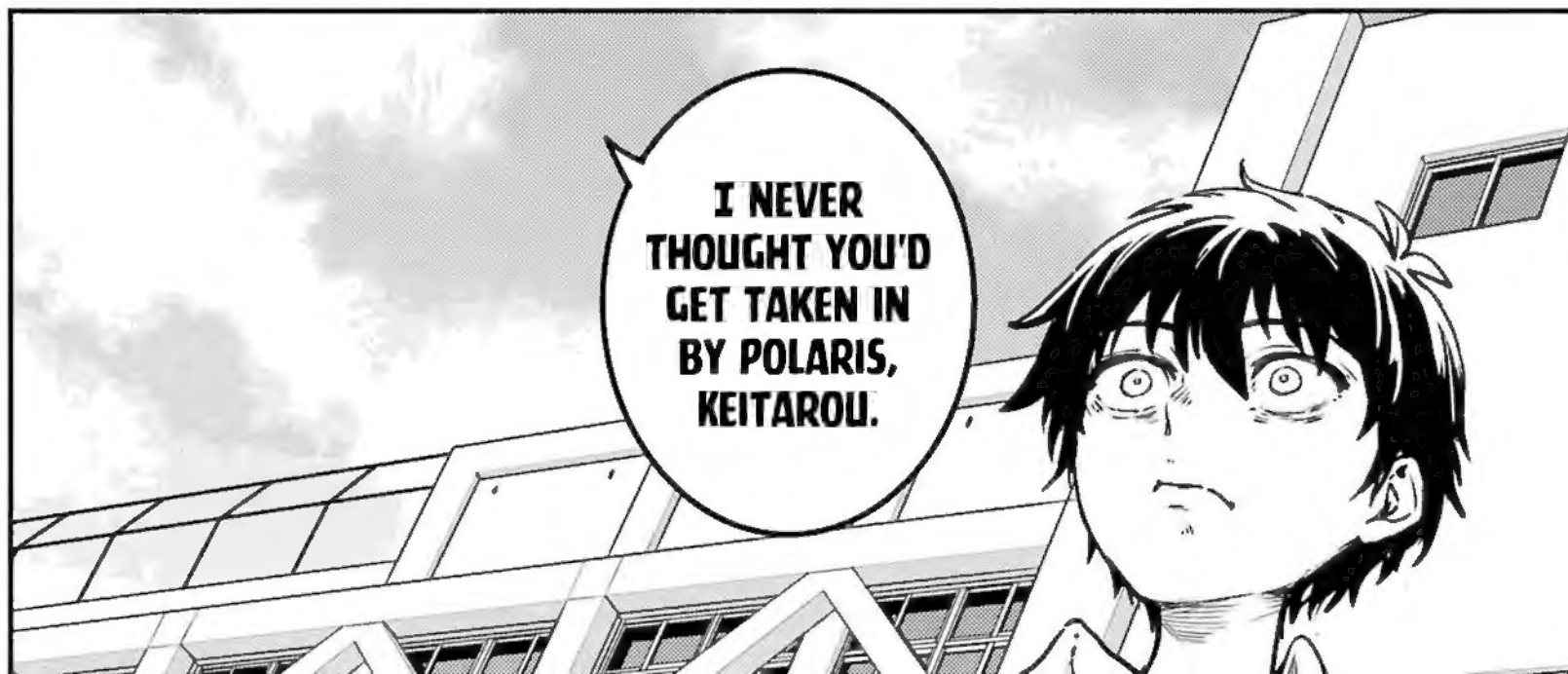


HAHAH,
HILARIOUS.

AND
THIS IS
WHAT
HAPPENS?

I EVEN
FELT A
LITTLE
PITY.

I
THOUGHT
THEY WERE
GOOD KIDS,
THAT THEY
ONLY JOINED
POLARIS BECAUSE
THEIR PARENTS
DID, AND THEY
HAD NO
CHOICE.



I NEVER
THOUGHT YOU'D
GET TAKEN IN
BY POLARIS,
KEITAROU.



IT'S
LIKE YOU'RE
SAYING I'VE
BECOME A
FOLLOWER
OF POLARIS!

BEING
TAKEN IN?
YOU'RE
EXAGGE-
RATING!

NO,
WAIT,
WAIT!

**KEI-
TAROU.**



**WHICH
DO YOU
BELONG
TO?**

**HINA-
MIZAWA?**

**OR
POLARIS?**





THAT
THEY'RE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE VICTIMS?
THEY'RE PITIABLE,
SO THAT MAKES ALL
OF US THE
BAD GUYS?

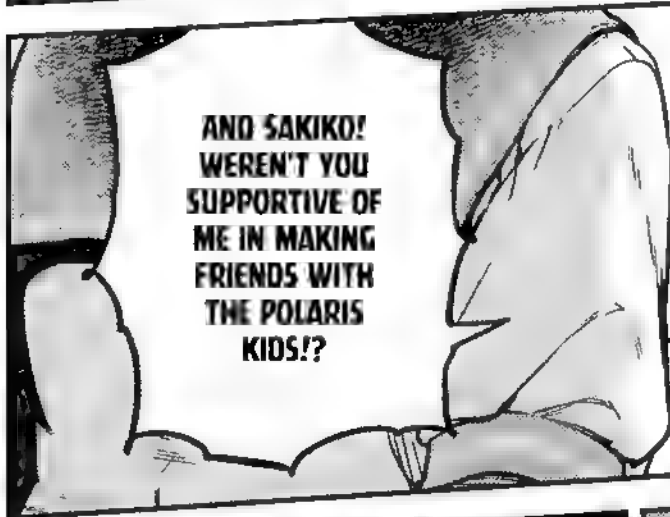
WELL...
THEY HAVE
CIRCUM-
STANCES
OF THEIR
OWN.



THEY
DON'T FEEL
THAT WAY,
Y'KNOW?
THAT'S WHY
THEY'RE NOT
EVEN TRYING
TO FIT IN
HERE IN
HINAMIZAWA.

IT'S NOT
ONE OR
THE OTHER!
THE PEOPLE
OF POLARIS
ARE CITIZENS
OF HINAMIZAWA
TOO, AREN'T
THEY?

WHICH,
YOU
ASK?



AND SAKIKO!
WEREN'T YOU
SUPPORTIVE OF
ME IN MAKING
FRIENDS WITH
THE POLARIS
KIDS!?

I'M
TELLING YOU,
EVEN IF THEY
DON'T FIT IN
HERE, THAT
DOESN'T CHANGE
THE FACT THAT
THEY'RE OUR
FRIENDS HERE IN
HINAMIZAWA!

THAT'S
NOT
IT...!



I
MEAN,
I'VE BEEN
TELLING
YOU FROM
THE START!

I'VE GOT
NO CLUE
WHY YOU'RE
LASHING
OUT LIKE
THIS.

I WANT
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH THOSE
POLARIS
PEOPLE,
OKAY?



I
WAS NEVER
IN SUPPORT
OF THAT.

I WAS
JUST
WATCHING
OVER
YOU.

HUH?



NO,
I'M
ALREADY
PISSED
OFF!

IF IT'S
LIKE THAT,
I'M FREE
TO SNAP TOO,
AREN'T I?

COME
THE
FUCK
ON!



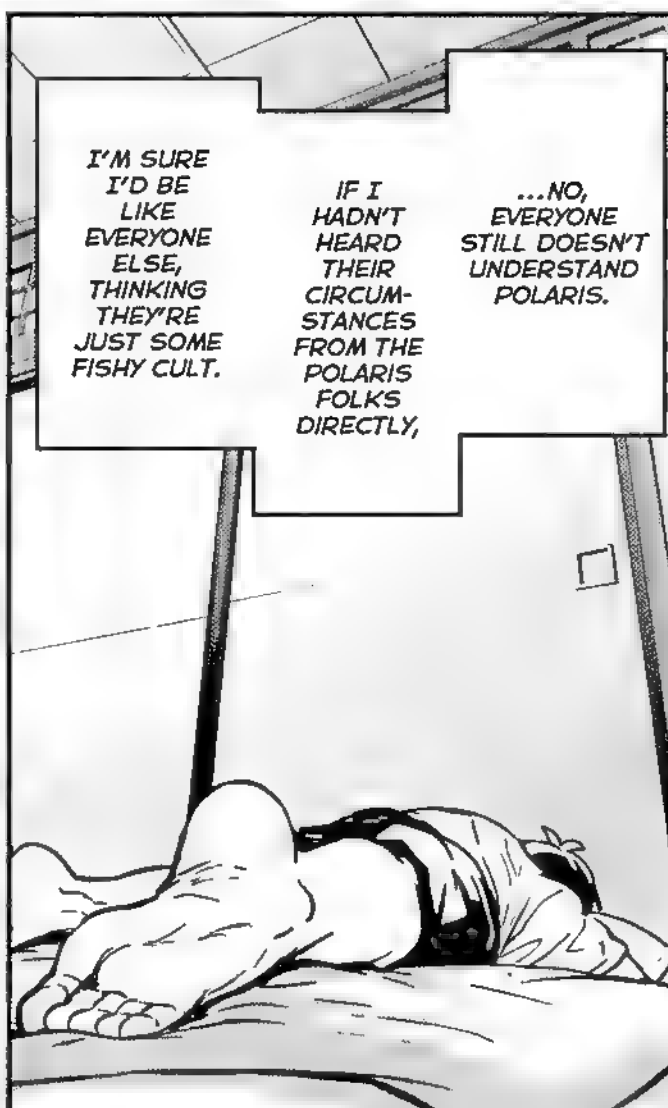
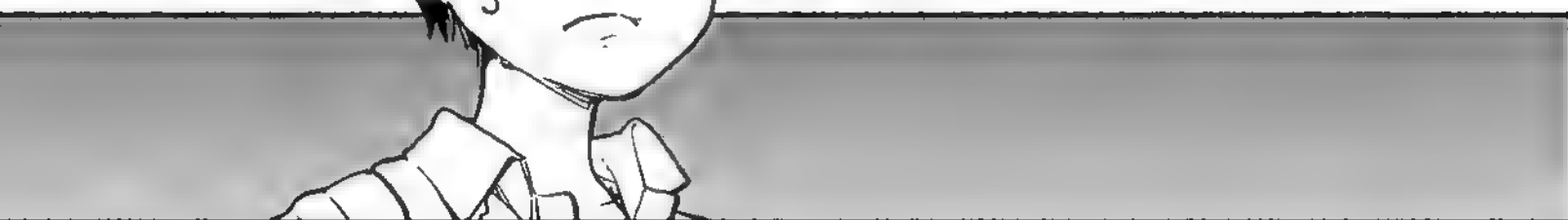
I
DON'T
FUCK-
ING
CARE!

IT'S
GOT
FUCK
ALL
TO DO
WITH
ME!

DON'T
ROPE
ME
INTO
THIS
SHIT!











BUT
DOES THAT
MEAN YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO WATA-
NAGASHI?

YOU'RE
BEARING THE
FRUIT OF
YOUR LABOR,
KEITAROU.



I
SEE.

YOU
MUST BE
GETTING
PRETTY
CLOSE WITH
THEM.



YEAH.

SO A
CHILD OF
POLARIS
INVITED YOU
TO THEIR
FESTIVAL?



THEY
FINALLY
REACHED
OUT TO
ME!

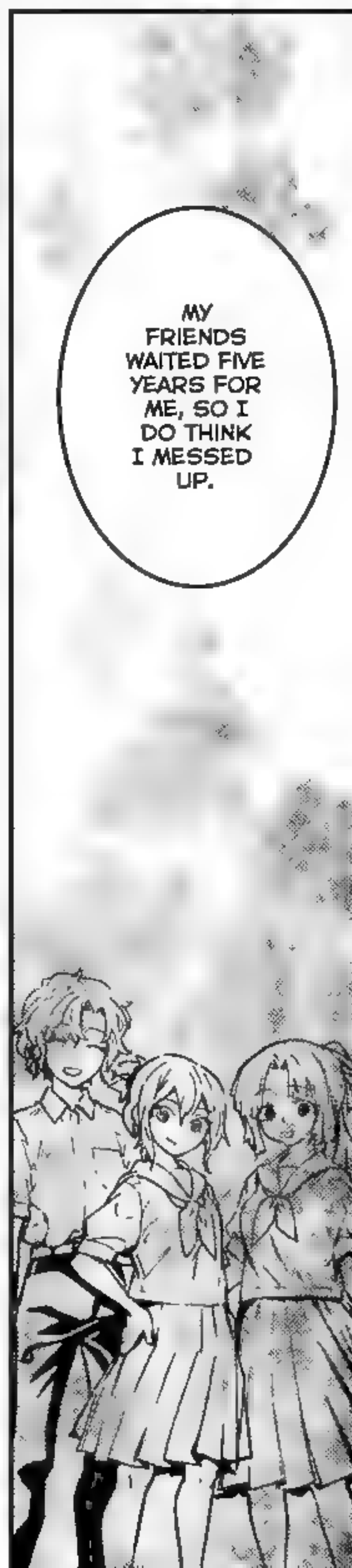
I
DON'T
WANNA SIT
HERE AND
LET THIS
PASS ME
BY!



MAYBE
THIS IS
SELFISH
OF ME,
BUT...

BUT, I
STILL WANT
TO ATTEND
POLARIS'
FESTIVAL,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

...I HAVE
A FEELING
IF I DON'T GO,
I MAY NEVER
GET ANOTHER
CHANCE FOR US
TO UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER.



MY
FRIENDS
WAITED FIVE
YEARS FOR
ME, SO I
DO THINK
I MESSED
UP.



RIGHT.
WE DON'T
REALLY KNOW
POLARIS.



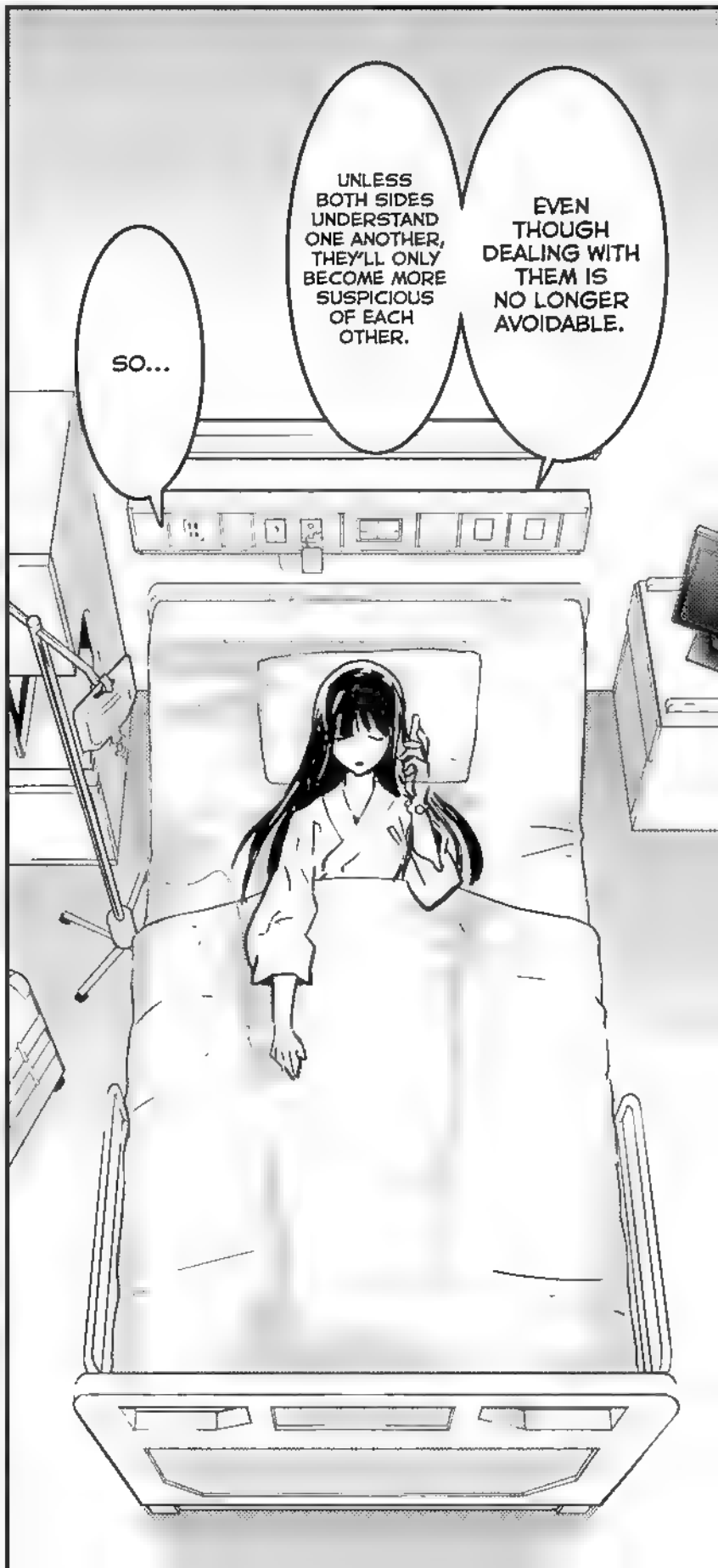
KEI-
TAROU.

GO
SEE WHAT
SORT OF
PEOPLE THE
POLARIS
MEMBERS
REALLY
ARE...



...

BIG
SIS
RIKA?



SO...

UNLESS
BOTH SIDES
UNDERSTAND
ONE ANOTHER,
THEY'LL ONLY
BECOME MORE
SUSPICIOUS
OF EACH
OTHER.

EVEN
THOUGH
DEALING WITH
THEM IS
NO LONGER
AVOIDABLE.



JUST
WATCH,
BIG SIS RIKA!
I'LL BE THE
BRIDGE BETWEEN
POLARIS AND
HINAMIZAWA!

YEAH!



AND I'M
SURE YOU OF
ALL PEOPLE
WILL BE ABLE
TO FIND THE
TRUTH ABOUT
THEM.

...AND
THEN
TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU SAW.



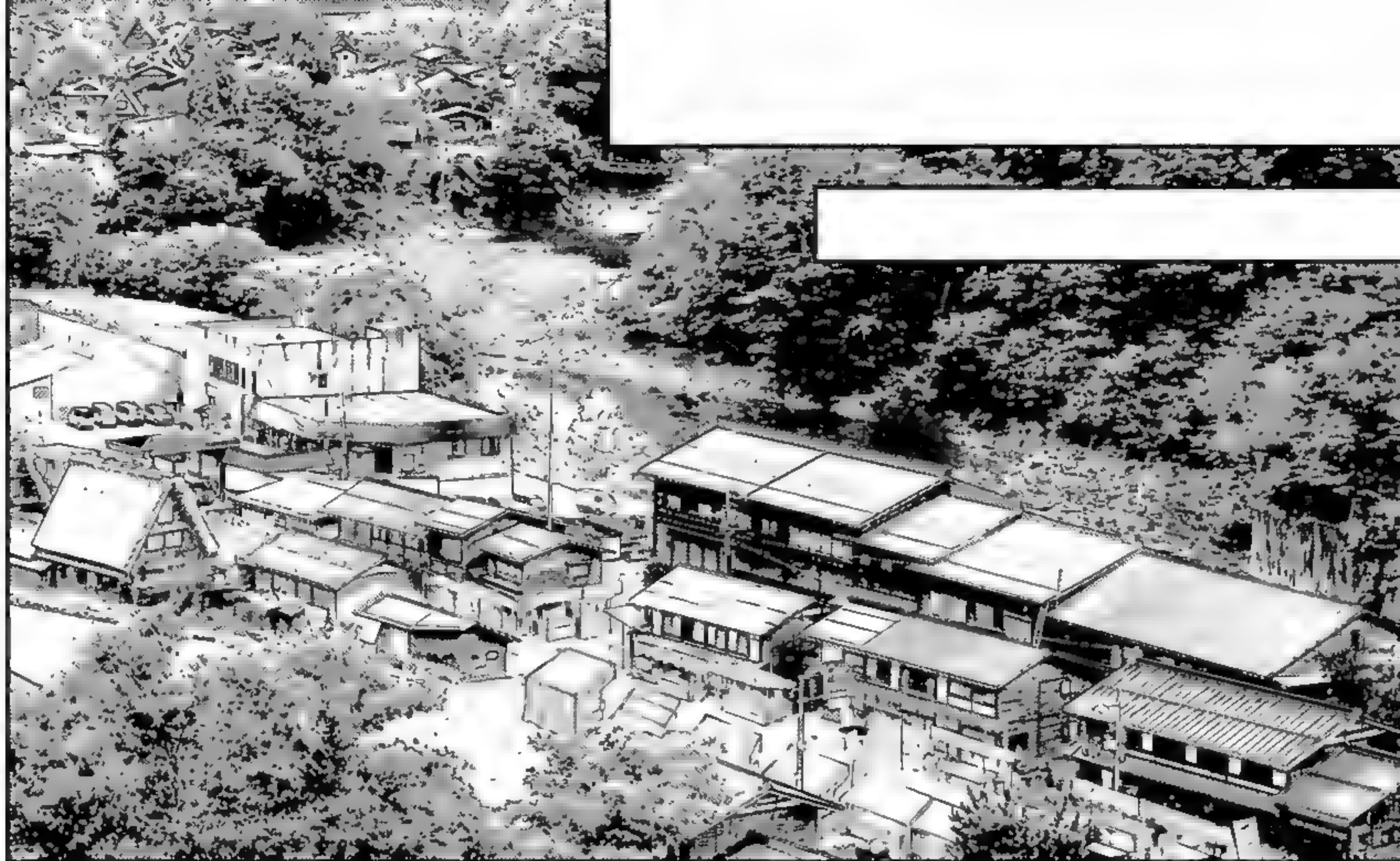
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TAROU...

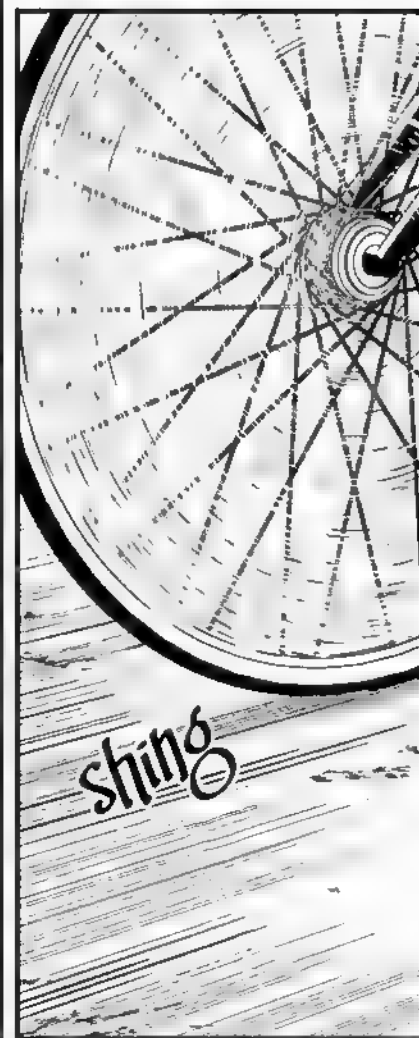
IF YOU
CAN BE A
CATALYST FOR
HARMONY WITH
POLARIS...

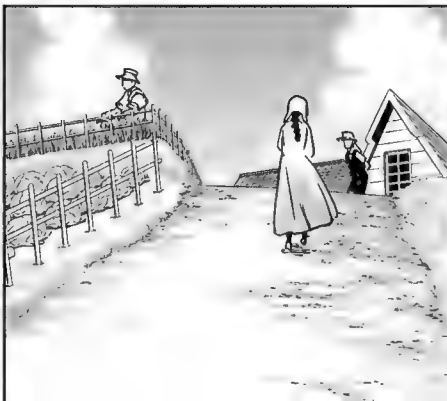
...THEN
MAYBE,
THIS
TIME...



SIGH...







IS THIS
REALLY
HINAMIZAWA?!

ANCIENT
EUROPEAN
STYLE?

AND THEIR
OUTFITS
LOOKS LIKE
SOMETHING
FROM A
WORLD
HISTORY
TEXTBOOK.

THE
HOUSES ARE
WESTERN
STYLE...NO,
WAIT, THESE
ARE THE
ORIGINAL
HOUSES WITH
WESTERN
STYLE
ADDITIONS.

THE
FIELDS
ARE ALIVE
AGAIN!



IT'S
HOW WE
USUALLY
DRESS
WHEN
WE'RE
HERE IN
THE
VILLAGE ★

THESE
ARE OUR
EVERYDAY
CLOTHES-

OH...

YOU
TWO ARE
DRESSED
LIKE THAT
TOO.



MAE-
BARA-
SEN-
PAIIII!



U-UMM,
MAE-
BARA-
SAN...



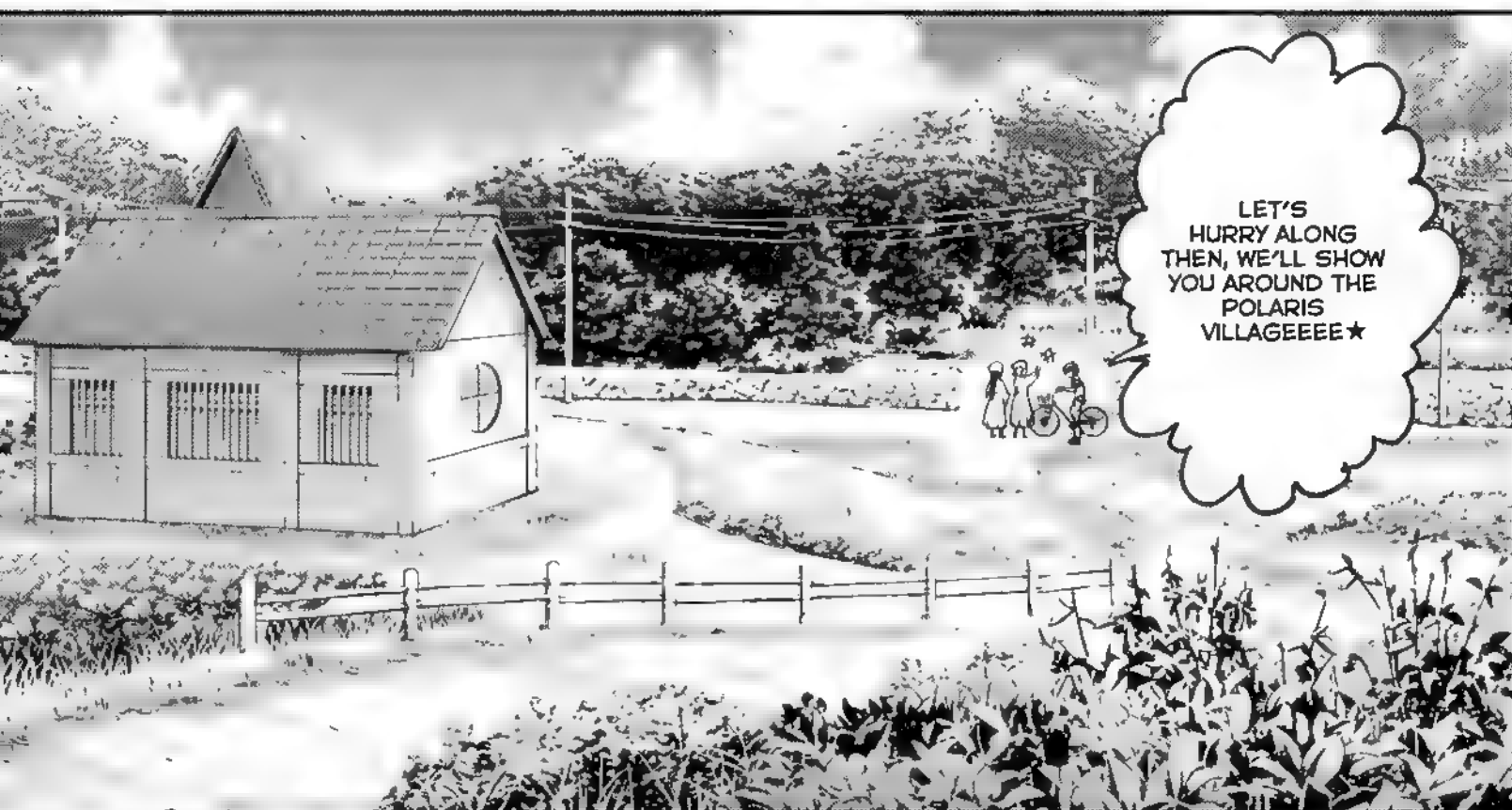
KURURU!
INORI-
CHAN!

...FOR
COMING
OUT
HERE.

THANK
YOU...

...TH-









ENJOY
THE
FESTIVAL.

WE CAN DISTIN-
GUISH
PEOPLE BY
SAYING
THINGS
LIKE X'S
FATHER.

WHOA,
BUT HOW
CAN PEOPLE
TELL WHO
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT WHEN
THERE ARE
LOTS OF
ADULTS
AROUND?



SO, EVEN
IF THEY'RE
NOT ACTUALLY OUR
PARENTS, WE STILL
CALL THEM
MOTHER AND
FATHER.

AT
POLARIS,
WE THINK OF
ALL OUR
MEMBERS AS
ONE BIG
FAMILY.



YOU'RE
CONSIDERED
A GUEST
TODAY, SO
THE DOCTRINE
ALLOWS IT.

I
TOLD
EVERYONE
ABOUT YOU
AHEAD OF
TIME ★

SHE
SPOKE
TO ME.



I DON'T
WANT TO
CARELESSLY
DO ANYTHING
THAT MIGHT
FRIGHTEN
THEM.



HEY.

PLEASE
LET ME KNOW
IF THERE'S
ANYTHING I
SHOULDN'T DO
AROUND THE
VILLAGERS.

HUH?



RIGHT.



I
THINK
YOU'LL BE
FINE JUST
THE WAY YOU
ARE RIGHT
NOW.

MAE-
BARA...
SAN...

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO DOES
THAT! YOU
LEWD MANGA
NUT!



BUT YOU
SHOULD
PROBABLY TRY
TO KEEP YOUR
DIRTY JOKES
TO A MINIMUM,
OKAAAY?

I KNOW
IT MUST BE
TOUGH FOR
YOU WITH
YOUR RAMPANT
SEXUAL
APPETITE,
MAEBARA-
SENPAI,



BETTER
SNAP A
PIC OF
THAT
TOOOO★

WOW,
THAT SMUG
FACE YOU MAKE
WHEN INORI
PRAISES
YOU IS JUST
TOO FUNNY!

HEHEH,
THANKS.

SNAP

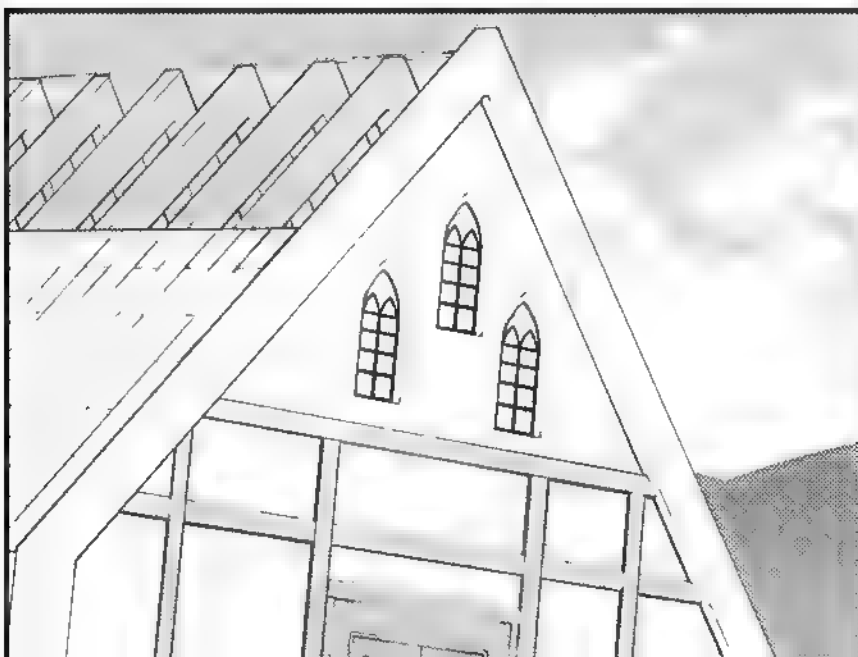


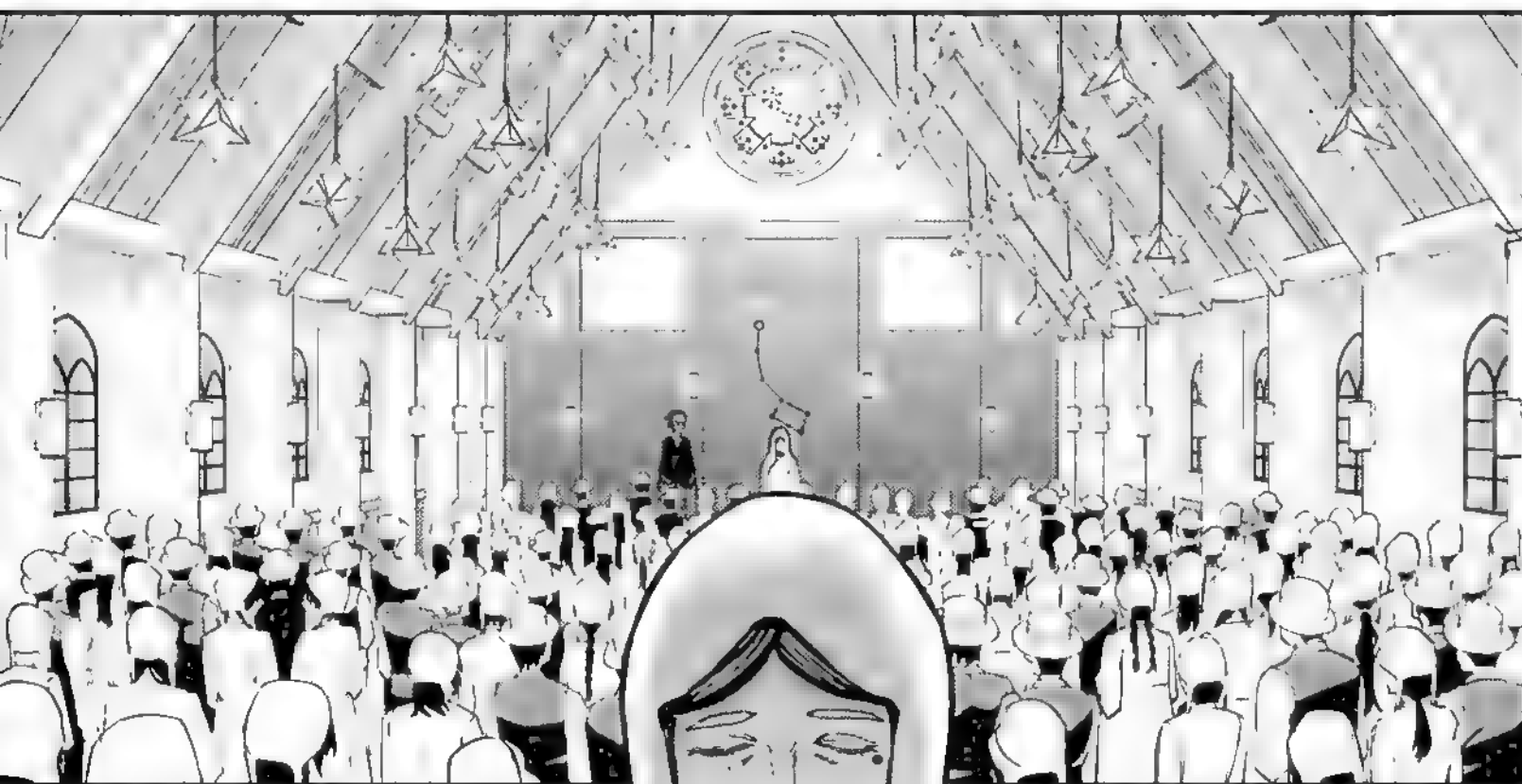
B-BE-
CAUSE...

...YOU'RE
TRYING TO
GET CLOSE
TO US.

AND
YOU'RE
A KIND
PERSON.

SO
YOU'LL
BE
OKAY.







'TIS
THE SEASON
WHEN THE LIFE
WE NURTURE
IN OUR FIELDS
SHINES MOST
BEAUTIFULLY.

THE
VEGETATION
IS NOW
LUSH AND
VERDANT.



IT IS
THROUGH
THAT
RADIANCE
THAT
LIFE
IS PRE-
SERVED.

IT IS
THROUGH OUR
SUPPORT
OF ONE
ANOTHER
THAT WE ARE
ABLE TO
WELCOME
THIS DAY.

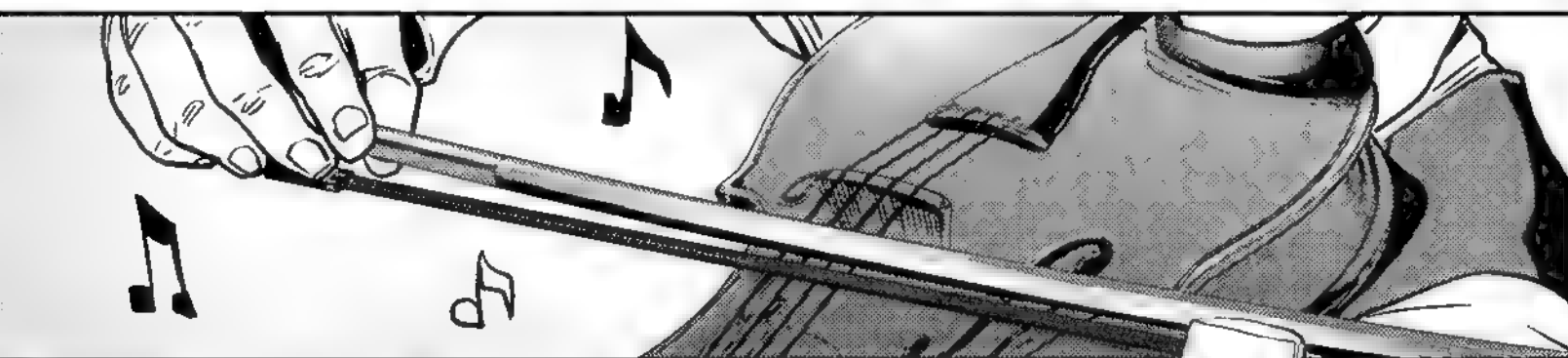
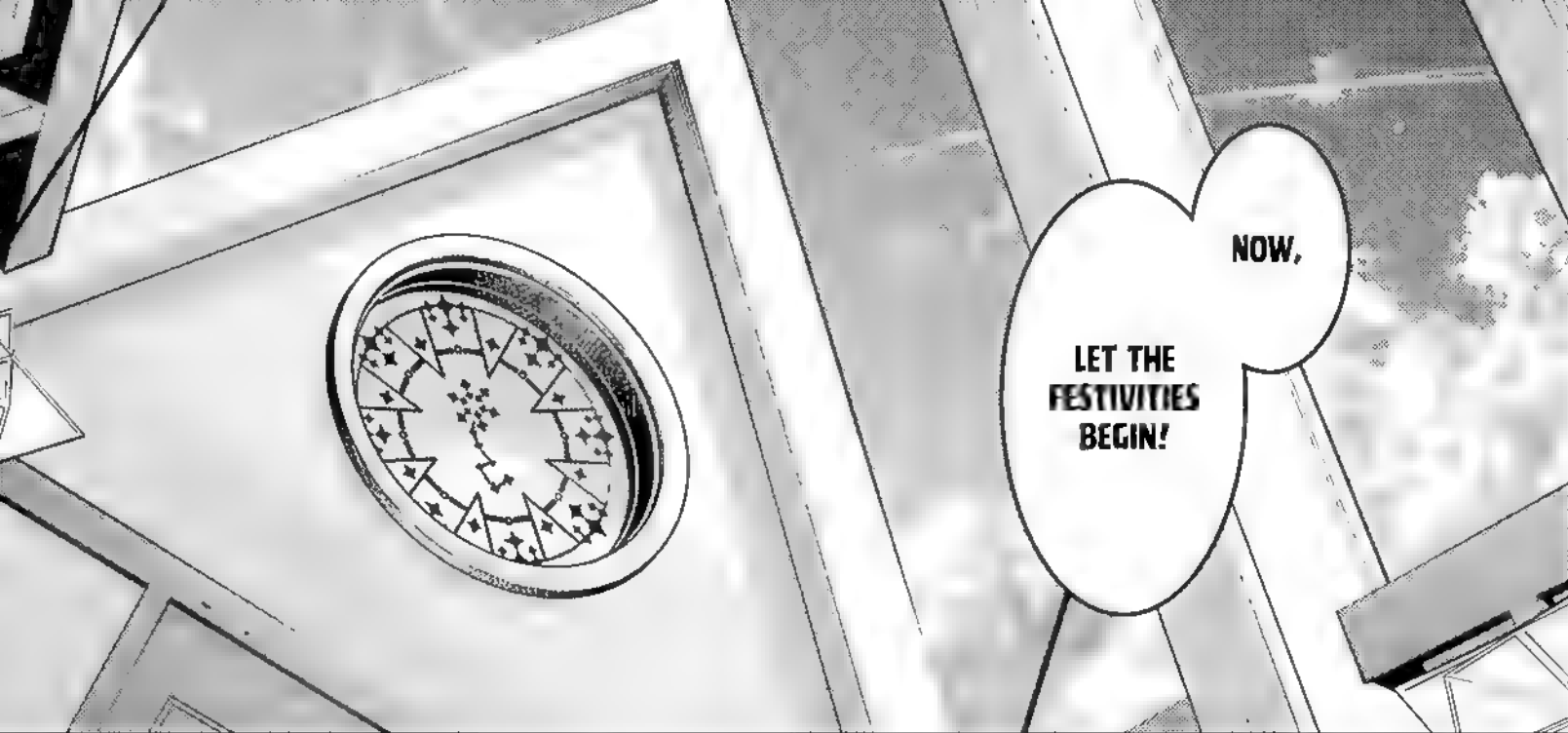


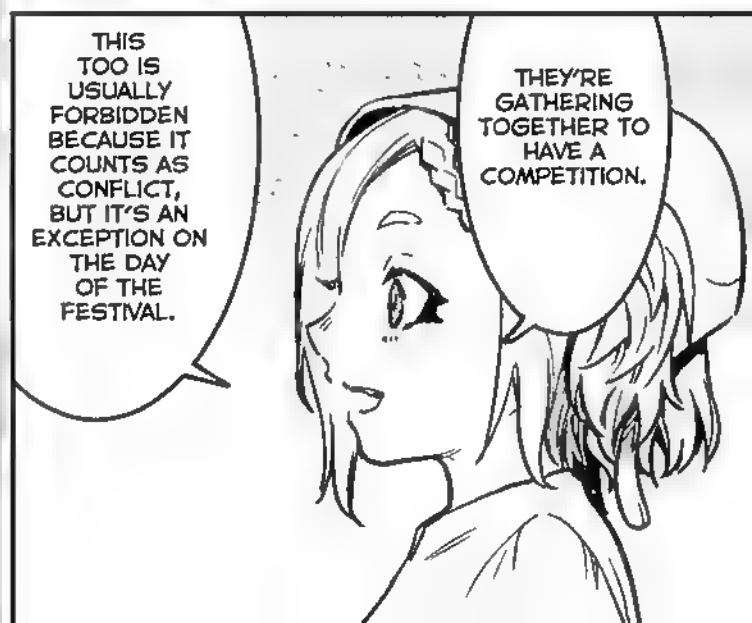
I AM
GRATEFUL
THAT THIS DAILY
WAY OF LIFE CAN
CONTINUE TODAY,
TOMORROW,
AND ON.

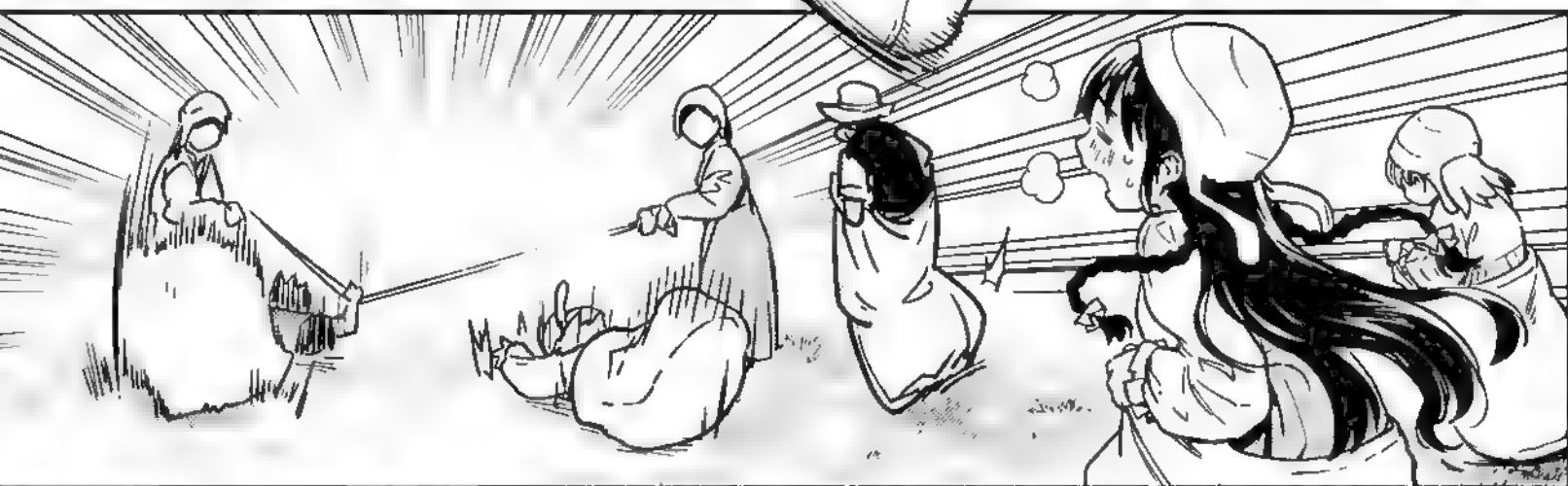


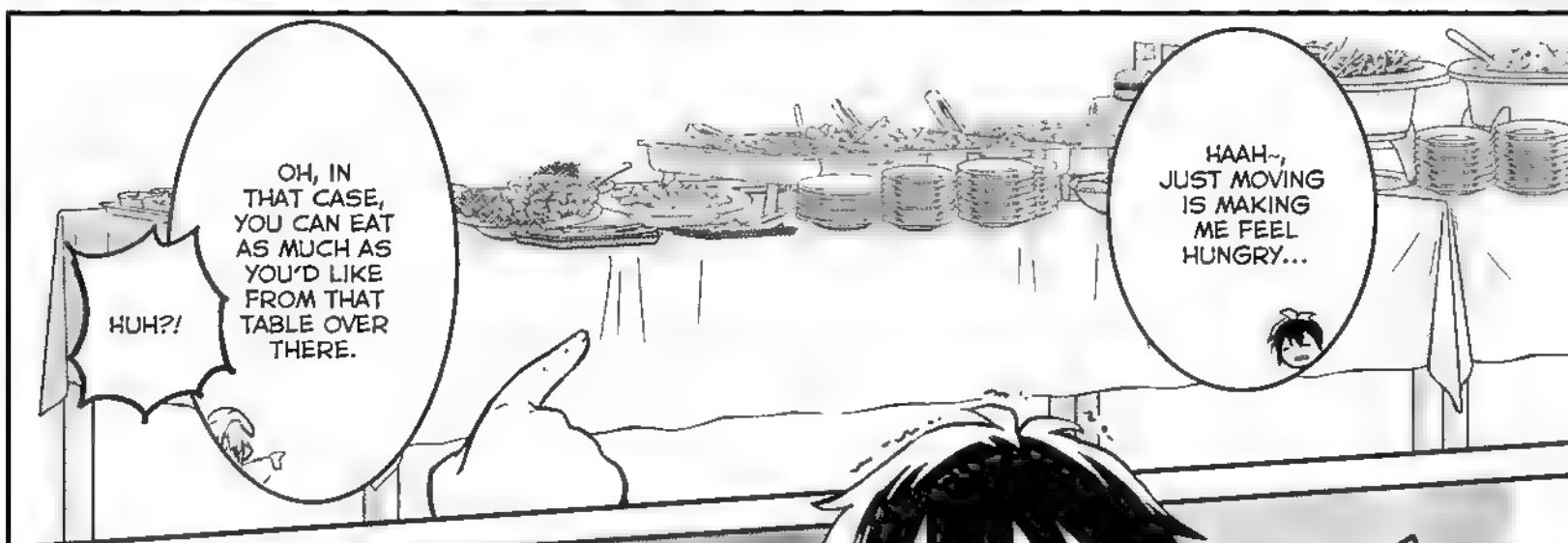
EVERYONE,

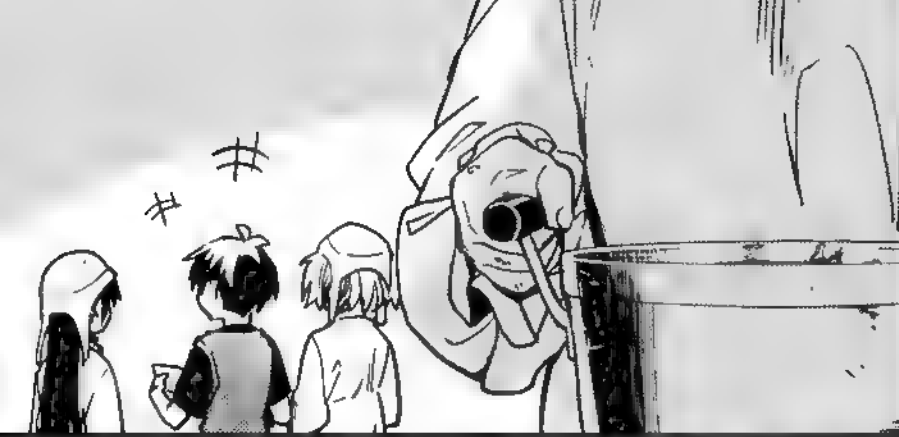
WE'VE
BEEN ABLE TO
WELCOME A
NEW SEASON
ONCE AGAIN
THIS YEAR.











IS
THAT NOT
DISGUSTING?



THE EXOTIC
ATMOSPHERE
WAFTING INTO MY
NOSE EVOKES
SCENERY IN THE
BACK OF MY MIND
FROM A COUNTRY
I DON'T EVEN
KNOW!

THOUGH
SIMPLE, THE
HERBS WORK
MIRACULOUSLY
TO BRING
THE FLAVOR
TOGETHER.

DELICIOUS!
THE CHICKEN'S
MELT-IN-YOUR-
MOUTH
TENDERNESS
PAIRED WITH
THE SOUR
TOMATO-BASED
SAUCE MAKES
FOR A SUPER
COMBINATION!

WHO
IS THE CHEF
HERE? PLEASE,
INTRODUCE
ME!

UWAA~,
HE TURNS
INTO A TOTAL
FOOD REVIEWER
WHILE EATING.
HOW ANNOYING.

IF IT
MEANS I
GET TO EAT
THIS
DELICIOUS,
I'D WANT
EVERY DAY
TO BE
FESTIVAL
DAY.

IT'S
SUPER
TASTY.

NO
WAY!



...I
SEE.





Snap



A
SMALLTIME
FREE-
LANCE
WRITER.

NAAH,
YOU'RE
MISTAKEN.
I'M MARU-
TAKE.

HUH?
ARE YOU A
MEMBER OF
POLARIS?

JUDGING
BY YOUR
CLOTHES...
YOU MUST
NOT BE A
POLARIS KID,
HUH?

HUH?
OH, MY
BAD!

HERE,
MY BUSI-
NESS
CARD.



I GOT
THEIR
PERMISSION
TO COVER
THE POLARIS
FESTIVAL, SO
I'M HERE.

THIS
TIME, I
RECEIVED
THE OKAY
FROM
THE HOLY
MOTHER'S
AIDES.



?!
TURN





EHEHE~,
SORRY, SORRY,
I'M USUALLY
PRETTY
CLUMSY.

ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?!



LIKE
THIS.

I
NORMALLY
TAKE
PICTURES
OF THE
STARS
THOUGH.

WOW,
COVERING
THE
FESTIVAL?



AAAA
HHHH!

THUD



IF ONLY
WE COULD
GET THEM TO
SEE THEY'RE
PEOPLE JUST
LIKE US!

YEAH!
PEOPLE ONLY
FEEL THAT WAY
BECAUSE
THEY DON'T
UNDERSTAND
POLARIS!

I'VE
FOUND MY
VERY FIRST
COMRADE!



flinch



HUH...?



BUT
WHILE
INVESTIGATING
THAT, I
LEARNED
ABOUT THE
POLARIS
SITUATION.

AT FIRST,
I WAS INTERESTED
IN HINAMIZAWA, SINCE
THERE'S RUMORS
THAT IT WAS BEING
RECOMMENDED AS A
WORLD HERITAGE
SITE.

I CAME
HERE BECAUSE I
WANT TO SHOW THE
PEOPLE THAT POLARIS
ISN'T THE SUSPICIOUS
CULT PEOPLE CLAIM
THEM TO BE.







STUFF
LIKE THIS HAS
BEEN HAPPING
AROUND POLARIS
VILLAGE
RECENTLY...

GET YOUR CUL OUT OF
HINAMIZAWA!
CURSE OF
SHIRO-SAMA
WILL BEFALL YOU
WE WILL PROTECT



AH...
SO YOU
REALLY
DIDN'T
KNOW?

YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THE HINA-
MIZAWA
VILLAGERS
ARE
HARASSING
POLARIS?!

HARASS-
ING
THEM?!

WOULD
YOU TAKE
A QUICK
LOOK
AT THIS?



JUST
THINKING
BACK ON ALL
THOSE
DEAD CROWS
SCATTERED
ABOUT MAKES
ME FEEL LIKE
I'M GOING
TO FAINT.

OOOOH,
JUST
LOOKING
AT THE
PICTURE
CREEPS
ME OUT!

DID
SOMEONE FROM
HINAMIZAWA
REALLY DO
THIS?!



NNNN...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
SOMEONE
FROM
HINAMIZAWA
WOULD DO
THAT.


SO
THEY DON'T
KNOW THE
CULPRIT?



THE
POLARIS
FOLKS
HAVE FILED
COMPLAINTS,
BUT THEY'RE
PERSISTENT IN
NOT DOING
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

AWFUL!





AND IT
EVEN HAPPENED
AGAIN, AT
LAST YEAR'S
WATANAGASHI.

ONE PERSON
DIES AND ONE
GOES MISSING...
AND THE PERSON
WHO WENT MISSING
WAS FROM
POLARIS.




IN THE
MIDST
THE DAM
WAR,

...THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA.

INCIDENTS
KEPT
HAPPENING,
THAT THEY
REFERRED
TO AS...




WHAT
THE HELL
DOES
THAT OLD
STORY
HAVE TO
DO WITH...



RIGHT,
I THINK
SO TOO.

THERE'S
NO SUCH
THING AS
THE CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA.



WHAT
HAPPENED
LAST YEAR
WAS JUST
A DEATH FROM
ILLNESS. YOU
CAN'T CALL
THAT THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA!

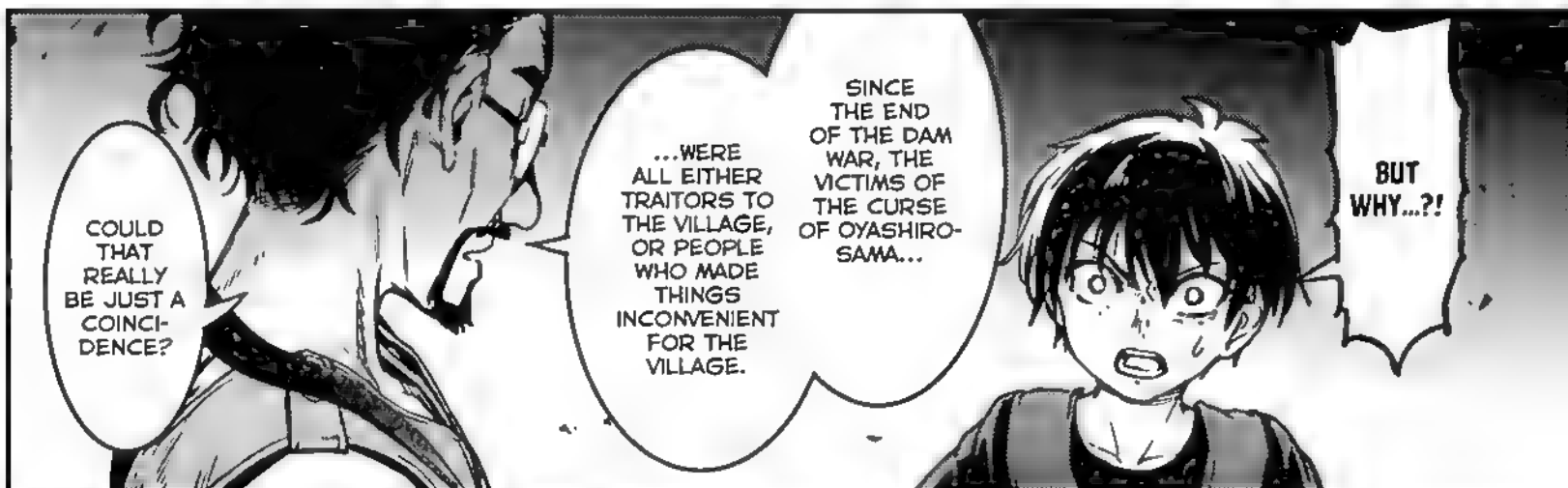
IN THE PAST,
THOSE WERE
ALL EITHER
ACCIDENTS
OR INCIDENTS
WHERE THE
CULPRIT WAS
CAUGHT.

H-HOLD
ON!



HOW-
EVER.

THERE
ARE PEOPLE IN
HINAMIZAWA
WHO DO WISH
FOR THE CURSE
TO OCCUR.

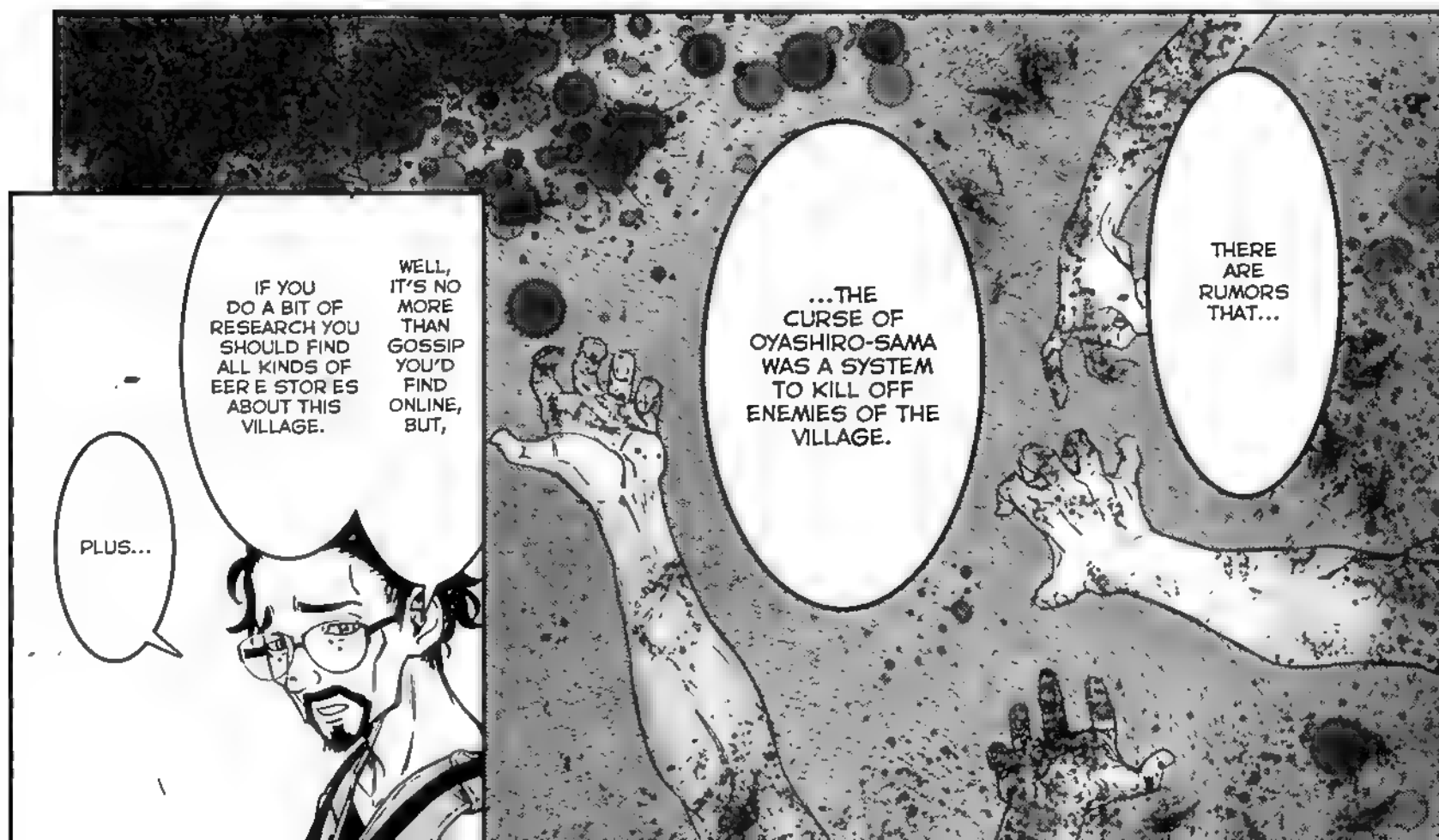


COULD
THAT
REALLY
BE JUST A
COINCIDENCE?

...WERE
ALL EITHER
TRAITORS TO
THE VILLAGE,
OR PEOPLE
WHO MADE
THINGS
INCONVENIENT
FOR THE
VILLAGE.

SINCE
THE END
OF THE DAM
WAR, THE
VICTIMS OF
THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA...

BUT
WHY...?!




IF YOU
DO A BIT OF
RESEARCH YOU
SHOULD FIND
ALL KINDS OF
EERIE STORIES
ABOUT THIS
VILLAGE.

WELL,
IT'S NO
MORE
THAN
GOSSIP
YOU'D FIND
ONLINE, BUT,

PLUS...

...THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA
WAS A SYSTEM
TO KILL OFF
ENEMIES OF THE
VILLAGE.

THERE
ARE
RUMORS
THAT...



YOU
KNOW HOW
THE PEOPLE
OF HINAMIZAWA
ARE GOING
TO THINK
ABOUT IT,
RIGHT?

IF AN
INCIDENT
RELATED
TO THE CURSE
DOES HAPPEN
AGAIN THIS
YEAR...

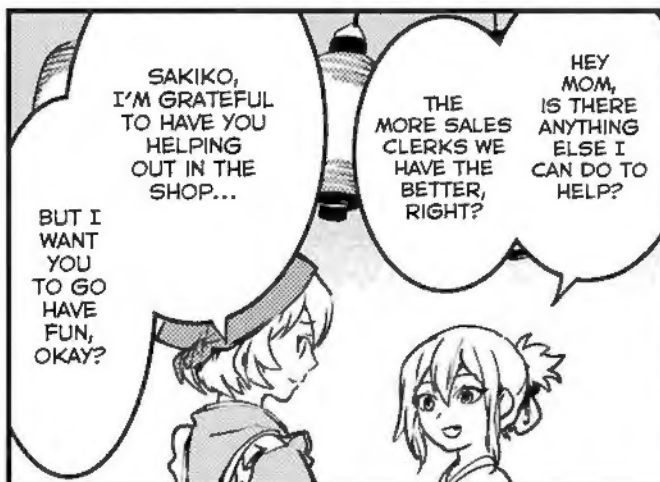
I'VE
GOT A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS.

...IF THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA
DOES OCCUR,

IT
WOULD MEAN
THAT SOMETHING
IN PARTICULAR
INVOKED
OYASHIRO-SAMA'S
WRATH.

**THE REASON
OYASHIRO-
SAMA'S ANGER
WAS INVOKED
WAS...**

IT GIVES
PEOPLE AN
EXCUSE TO
STAND BEHIND
THEIR GOD.





THOSE
PEOPLE...

...



SAKI-
KO.

KEITAROU
WENT OVER
TO POLARIS?
DID ANYTHING
HAPPEN?



Scratch
Scratch

THEY'RE
LUCKY WE
CAN'T LAY
OUR HANDS
ON THEM...

THEY'RE
EVEN WILLING
TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF CHILDREN!
THEY'RE
ROTTEN TO
THE BONE!



DON'T
WORRY.

WE'LL
DEFINITELY DRIVE
POLARIS OUT
OF HINAMIZAWA.

I'M SURE
KEITAROU WILL
BE ABLE TO
OPEN HIS
EYES.



YOU'RE A
DAUGHTER OF
THE KIMIYOSHIS,
AND FUTURE
HEAD OF ONE
OF THE THREE
FAMILIES OF
HINAMIZAWA,
YOU HEAR!?

SAKIKO,
STAY
SHARP!

BAM!

AAACK





WHAT AWAITS EVERYONE AS THEY HEAD TO THE FESTIVAL...?!

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